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SUBJ: CONSULTATION WITH SOVIET MISSION

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1. SUMMARY: REGULAR PRE-BOARD AND GENERAL CONFERENCE CONSULTATION WITH SOVIET MISSION AND DELEGATION STAFF PRODUCED FULL DISCUSSION OF ITEMS PENDING IN UPCOMING MEETINGS. SEPTTEL COVERS DISCUSSIONS RELATING TO NON-BOARD AND GC MATTERS, INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL TRANSFERS. END SUMMARY.

2. AFTER DISCUSSION ON OTHER SUBJECTS, SOVIETS BEGAN BY STATING FIRM OPPOSITION TO ANY PROPOSAL FOR DEFERMENT OF BOARD ACTION ON PROVISIONS OF SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENTS PURSUANT INFCIRC/66/REV.2 RELATING TO DURATION AND TERMINATION. BOTH MISSIONS AGREED TO URGE OTHERS TO SPEAK AGAINST DEFERMENT AND IN FAVOR AFFIRMATIVE ACTION.

3. SOVIETS RAISED NO OBJECTION TO PROPOSED EXPANSION OF ACTIVITIES

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TIES OF MONACO LABORATORY. US ADVISED THEM OF INTENT TO MAKE

STATEMENTS CALLING FOR REASONABLE INTERPRETATIONS OF RESTRICTIONS TO BE PLACED ON LAB ACTIVITIES; SOVIETS ACCEPTED US POINT THAT LAB SHOULD NOT BE RESTRICTED TO METHODS AND TECHNIQUES NECESSARILY INVOLVING RADIOACTIVITY (E.G., LAB COULD AND SHOULD USE STABLE-ISOTOPE TECHNIQUES IF THESE SCIENTIFICALLY DESIRABLE), BUT DREW LINE AT DEVELOPMENT IN AGENCY LABORATORY OF BIOLOGICAL METHODS IN CONNECTION WITH MEASUREMENTS OF MARINE POLLUTION.

4. SOVIETS EXPLAINED THAT ILLNESS AND PRESSURE OF OTHER DUTIES HAD FORCED SOVIET MEMBER OF IAEA SAC APPOINTED LAST YEAR TO REQUEST RELIEF FROM THIS DUTY. IN HIS PLACE, SOVIETS PROPOSED NOMINATE PROF. A.A. LOGUNOV, DIRECTOR OF INSTITUTE OF HIGH-ENERGY PHYSICS AT SERPUKHOV, AND SAID DG WOULD NOMINATE HIM TO BOARD. COMMENT: THIS CORRECTS IAEA VIENNA 7228, IN WHICH SOVIET NOMINEE WAS ERRONEOUSLY REPORTED AS A.A. LOGINOV, DESALTING EXPERT. END COMMENT.

5. SOVIETS STRONGLY OPPOSED PROPOSED DELEGATION TO DG OF AUTHORITY TO INSTITUTE POST ADJUSTMENTS FOR PROFESSIONAL AND HIGHER STAFF AS DETRACTING FROM EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY OF BOARD. MISSION OBSERVATIONS THAT THIS WOULD SERVE TO CORRECT INEQUITY WORKED ON AGENCY STAFF, WHO HAD TO WAIT FOR MONTHS BEFORE SUCH ADJUSTMENTS COULD BE PUT INTO EFFECT, RETROACTIVELY, DID NOT SEEM TO CONVINCE THEM. SOVIETS INTENDED DISCUSS MATTER FURTHER WITH UK, WHICH ORIGINATED AND STRONGLY SUPPORTS THIS PROPOSAL, AND WITH DG.

6. SOVIETS ADVISED MISSION THAT THEY WOULD, OF COURSE, REPEAT USUAL PRO-FORMA OBJECTIONS TO INCREASES IN AGENCY'S BUDGETS FOR 1973 AND 1974 WHICH BOARD WOULD BE CALLED ON TO RECOMMEND TO GC, BUT WOULD NOT RPT NOT GO BEYOND THIS. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION OF EARLIER SECRETARIAT PROPOSAL TO EITHER CHANGE BASE OF BUDGET FROM US DOLLAR TO AUSTRIAN SCHILLINGS, OR TO REQUEST PAYMENT OF ASSESSMENTS PARTIALLY IN SCHILLINGS, SOVIETS SAID THEY WOULD SUPPORT SUCH SUGGESTION IF IT INTRODUCED BY ANYONE ELSE, BUT WOULD NOT RPT NOT INTRODUCE PROPOSAL, OR RAISE IT IN DISCUSSION, THEMSELVES. SOVIET REP ALSO STATED THAT SOVIETS WOULD NOT OPPOSE STUDY OF CURRENCY PROBLEM IN RELATIONSHIP TO BUDGETARY EFFECTS ON UN FAMILY SYSTEMWIDE BY SUCH ORGAN AS ACC.

7. WHEN MISSION MENTIONED POSSIBILITY THAT LDCE MIGHT RAISE PRO-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BLEM WITH TARGET FOR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS AT THIS GC, SOVIETS IMMEDIATELY INTERPRETED THIS TO MEAN REPEAT OF JUNE BOARD PROPOSAL FOR FINANCING OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM REGULAR BUDGET, WHICH THEY CATEGORICALLY OPPOSED. WHILE THEY DID NOT ADDRESS POSSIBILITY OF PRESSURE ON LEVEL OF TARGET, THEY STATED THAT THEY CONCERNED ENOUGH OVER CHANCE OF REPEAT OF JUNE PROPOSAL THAT THEY PREPARED ANNOUNCE FURTHER INCREASE IN THEIR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TO GENERAL FUND, FROM 350,000 RUBLES IN 1973 TO 400,000

RUBLES IN 1974, AS MEANS OF FORESTALLING LDC IRE AT GC. MISSION CONGRATULATED SOVIETS FOR BEING ABLE TAKE THIS ACTION.

8. ON POSSIBLE NORTH KOREAN MEMBERSHIP IN AGENCY, SOVIETS ATTEMPTED ELICIT US VIEWS IN EVENT THEIR APPLICATION CAME BEFORE THIS BOARD SESSION. US STATED THAT WHILE WE PROBABLY WOULD NOT OPPOSE, WE FELT THAT TIME WAS AWFULLY SHORT FOR APPLICATION BY NORTH KOREA TO BE CONSIDERED AT THIS BOARD SESSION. THIS WAS VIEW OF MANY MEMBER STATES. SOVIETS ACCEPTED THIS ARGUMENT, NOTED THEIR OBSERVATIONS THAT OTHER MEMBERS MIGHT WELL FEEL SAME WAY, AND SEEMED QUITE RELAXED ABOUT POSSIBILITY THAT APPLICATION WOULD BE CONSIDERED LATER, PERHAPS EARLY NEXT YEAR IN TIME FOR 1974 GC; IN SUM, THEY WISHED ULTIMATE FAVORABLE ACTION ON NORTH KOREAN MEMBERSHIP, BUT WERE NOT RPT NOT PRESSING FOR SUCH ACTION AT ONCE IF IMMEDIATE ACTION WOULD UPSET ANYONE TO ANY GREAT DEGREE.

9. MAJOR OUTSTANDING POINT RELATED TO 17TH GENERAL CONFERENCE WAS PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF RULES OF PROCEDURE. SOVIETS TOOK POSITION THAT WHILE AMENDMENTS TO RULES REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VI OF IAEA STATUTE MUST BE ACTED ON THIS YEAR, OTHER AMENDMENTS SUFFICIENTLY COMPLEX TO WARRANT POSTPONEMENT TO NEXT GC. DISCUSSION LEFT UNCLEAR WHETHER SOVIETS HAVE RIGID INSTRUCTIONS TO SEEK POSTPONEMENT OR WHETHER THEY HAVE OBJECTIONS TO SPECIFIC RULES THAT MIGHT BE NEGOTIABLE. BOTH SIDES AGREED HOLD CONSULTATION WITHIN NEXT DAY OR TWO BETWEEN MISSION STAFFS TO DISCUSS MATTER FURTHER.TAPE

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